

CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 14 MARCH 2013

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Civic Affairs Committee held on Thursday, 14 March 2013. Decisions made by the Portfolio Holder will be subject to call-in. Recommendations made to the Cabinet or to the Council are not subject to call-in. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Patrick Adams (Agenda) Graham Aisthorpe-Watts (Minutes).

1. NORTHSTOWE: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The Committee **APPROVED** the proposed timetable and way forward for the Northstowe Community Governance Review, as set out in the report, but agreed that officers should be given the flexibility to truncate the process at any stage of the proposed timetable if necessary.

2. HAUXTON: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The Committee **RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL** that an Order be made pursuant to Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to increase the number of Councillors at the next parish council election for Hauxton Parish Council from 7 to 9.

3. RECRUITMENT OF NEW INDEPENDENT PERSON AND DEPUTY

The Committee:

- (a) **DELEGATED** to the Chairman of the Civic Affairs Committee and the Monitoring Officer the responsibility of recruiting a lead Independent Person and a deputy Independent Person with the aim of recommending two appointments to Annual Council on 24 May 2013, with the roles to commence on 1 July 2013.
- (b) **AGREED** the updated recruitment pack appended to the report, subject to the incorporation of slight amendments to the language used in some of the documents to be agreed by the Monitoring Officer in liaison with Councillor Douglas de Lacey.

4. REVISED NOLAN PRINCIPLES

The Committee **RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL** that:

- (a) the Council adopts the revised wording of the principles and amends the revised principles to the Council's Code of Conduct for members as part of the constitution, as outlined in Appendix F to the report.
- (b) the Council amends the revised principles to the Council's Officers' Code of Conduct, as outlined in Appendix G to the report.
- (c) the Council appends the revised principles in its standard contract documentation.